

# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

## Inter-Department Communication

**DATE:** December 23, 2013

**AT (OFFICE):** NHPUC

**FROM:**  Steven E. Mullen, Assistant Director – Electric Division

**SUBJECT:** Docket DE 11-216, Public Service Company of New Hampshire  
Alternative Default Energy Service Rate ADE  
Tariff Pages and Rate Calculation for Effect July 1, 2013

**TO:** Debra Howland, Executive Director

On April 8, 2013, the Commission issued Order No. 25,488 conditionally approving a settlement agreement between Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH), the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) and Commission Staff (Staff) (collectively, “the Settling Parties”) regarding PSNH’s proposal to implement Alternative Default Energy Service Rate ADE. The condition imposed by the Commission provided that customers who are returned to PSNH’s default service as a result of financial default of their competitive supplier be enrolled at the lower of PSNH’s Default Energy Service Rate DE or Rate ADE. The condition was accepted by the Settling Parties and incorporated into the initial implementation of Rate ADE in mid-2013.

On December 12, 2013, PSNH filed tariff pages and rate calculations supporting a request to set the price of Rate ADE at 9.17 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for the twelve-month period beginning January 1, 2014. As explained by PSNH, and pursuant to the settlement agreement, the price will be subject to change if PSNH’s forecasted marginal costs have increased by a predetermined amount.

Staff has reviewed the supporting calculations and views them as consistent with the terms of the settlement agreement. Staff therefore recommends the Commission approve the Rate ADE calculation of 9.17 cents per kWh, effective beginning with service rendered on and after January 1, 2014, and allow the following tariff page 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Page 96-A to go into effect as presented.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further.

cc: Service List